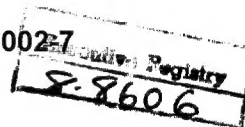


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NAVY review(s) completed.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my pleasure to again extend a cordial invitation to the Central Intelligence Agency to nominate one official with appropriate background and experience to attend the Naval Warfare course at the United States Naval War College.

STATINTL [redacted] of your Agency is in attendance in the current Second Year Naval Warfare course, and is contributing in an outstanding manner to the success of the training program at the Naval War College.

The 1957-1958 session of the War College is scheduled to convene on 16 August 1957 and will conclude on 11 June 1958. The official you nominate for this assignment may attend either the First or Second Year of the Naval Warfare course, whichever is preferable. Naval officers of the grades of Commander and Captain with 15 to 20 years of commissioned service are assigned to the First Year; to the Second Year of the course are assigned Naval officers of the grade of Captain with 20 to 24 years commissioned service, or those officers with 15 to 20 years of commissioned service who have successfully completed other high level military education. It is desired that your nominee for the course be of comparable rank and service experience for whichever year of the course he will attend.

Although non-military students will be permitted in the Second year of the course in Naval Warfare, attention is invited to the fact that such students will not be permitted to attend a few specific curriculum items for which attendance is restricted to military personnel only.

The usual familiarization training program before the opening of the regular session for personnel of other military services will be conducted. This program, of one week duration, will consist of lectures, tours of naval installations, and short cruises on

Atlantic Fleet vessels including submarines. The Central Intelligence Agency official is invited to participate in the familiarization training and should report to the President of the Naval War College not later than 9 August 1957 for this purpose. His orders should specify which year of the course in Naval Warfare he is to attend. In addition, if the nominee does not already hold a "Q" clearance, it is requested that he be processed for such clearance prior to arrival at the Naval War College, and that he be provided with a statement indicating a "need to know" basis for receiving restricted data.

It will be appreciated if information can be received at an early date as to the utilization of the proffered billet.

Sincerely yours,

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